Rural credit survey

1654. SHRI K. V. THANGKABALU: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a rural credit survey has been recently conducted in the country; and

(b) if so, what is the total amount of credit needed for the rural families as per the survey?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has reported that no rural credit survey as such has been recently conducted in the country. However, under the new strategy of 'Service Area Approach' being introduced in the rural lending, branches of banks in the rural and semi-urban centres would be making assessment of credit requirements of the villages in their respective. 'Service Area' after survey of villages located in their areas.

Economic cooperation of EEC for projects

1655. SHRI K. V. THANGKABALU: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether European Economic Community (EEC) has undertaken two projects in India as part of its continuing economic cooperation with this country; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Name of Project	Amount alloeated in ECU *Million*	Date of agreement
(i) Kerala Coconut Development Programme	45.0	25-3-88
(ii) Sheep Development Tamil Nadu	6.1	11-4-88
TOTAL :	51.1	

Loans for construction of Hotels

1656. SHRI K. V. THANGKABALU: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are criteria for the grant of loans to private entrepreneurs for construction of hotels;

(b) what are the terms and conditions for such loans; and

(c) what is the amount of loans sanctioned during 1987-88 and 1988-89 to each party?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (c) The Industrial Development Bank of India (IDBI) has reported that the terms and conditions of assistance by the financial institutions to Hotel projects are the same as for other projects assisted by them. Institutions generally follow the norms of debt equity ratio of 2 : 1 and minimum promoters' contribution ranging from 17.5 per cent to 22.5 per cent of the project cost depending upon the location of the project. The rate of interest, commitment charge, security repayment, conversion option, right to appoint nominee etc. are as applicable to any other industrial project assisted by institutions. Hotel units are also eligible for interest rebate of 20 per cent of the interest payments in the year (subject to a floor rate of 10 per cent p.a.) on their foreign exchange

earnings in the year reaching or exceeding 50 per cent/25 per cent of their gross earnings (net of taxes) for 5 star/other categories respectively. Assistance sanctioned by the All-India term lending institutions namely, IDBI, IFCI & ICICI to Hotel projects in the Private Sector during the years 1987-88 and 1988-89 are given below:

(Rs. crores)

Institutions	1987 88 (April—March)	1988 (April—June)
IDBI . . .	26.59	11.31
IFCI . . .	17 96	5.83
ICICI . . .	19.61	0.68

Export of cotton

1657. SHRI K. V. THANGKABALU: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the export of cotton has shown improvement in creating new markets;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof during the last three years;

(c) how much cotton is being exported under the barter deals; and

(d) to what extent these have helped to created new markets?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) and (b) The details of export of cotton during the last three years are as under:

Year	Quantity g(i ja bales)
1984-85	1.79
1985-86	414
1986-87	13.65

The exports have been traditionally to Japan, South Korea, Hong-Kong, Poland etc. However, in 1986-87 new markets were developed in Turkey, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Belgium etc.

(c) Exports of staple cotton have been suspended during the current cotton year and no cotton has been exported in barter deals.

(d) Does not arise.

Loan given to weaker sections in Tamil Nadu

1658. SHRI K. V. THANGKABALU: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total amount of loans given to weaker sections of the society under District Rural Development Agency (DRDA) Schemes by the nationalised banks during the last one year in Tamil Nadu;

(b) whether Government propose to extend facilities during the current financial year also in view of the drought situation prevailing in that State; and

(c) if so, what are the deatils in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (c) According to available information, during the year 1987-88, commercial banks (including cooperative banks) had disbursed an amount of Rs. 83.74 crores in Tamil Nadu to the beneficiaries under the Integrated Rural Development Programme sponsored by the District Rural Development Agency (DRDA). The Integrated Rural Development Programme is an ongoing programme for the entire duration of the Seventh Five Year Plan.